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## **MONTICELLO MAN SENTENCED TO 56 YEARS AND 5 MONTHS FOR TWO ARMED BANK ROBBERIES IN BOWLING GREEN**

BOWLING GREEN, KY - **Richard Allen Washam**, age 49, of Monticello, Kentucky, in Wayne County, was sentenced to 56 years and 5 months imprisonment in United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky, for armed bank robbery and using a firearm during the commission of a federal crime of violence, U.S. Attorney David L. Huber of the Western District of Kentucky announced today. Joseph H. McKinley, Jr., Judge, United States District Court, also sentenced Washam to 5 years supervised release following incarceration. There is no parole in the federal judicial system. In addition, restitution in the amount of \$8,872.00 was imposed.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state, local and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

Washam had been found guilty by a jury, following a four day trial, of two counts of armed bank robbery and two counts of using a firearm during the commission of a federal crime of violence. Washam had been indicted for armed robbery of the US Bank, 1970 Cave Mill Road, Bowling Green, Kentucky, on March 26, 2003, and for the armed robbery of the same bank on April 24, 2003. The Indictment also charged him with using a firearm during and in relation to the federal crimes of violence. \$4,257 was taken in the first robbery and \$4,615 in the second. During the ensuing investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the

Bowling Green Police Department, three bank employees were able to identify Washam from a photo array, and testified against him during the trial.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress and was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bowling Green Police Department.

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